(b) Total number of 50 documentaries.

(c) 37 documentaries were produced by private producers and the amounts released/spent during the last three years are:

2004-05	Rs. 32,50,000/- (23 documentaries)
2005-06	Rs. 52,00,000/-(13 documentaries)
2006-07	Rs. 2,50,000/-(1 documentary)

Telecast of Cricket matches

4523. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Nimbus has bagged the BCCI rights for Indian Cricket till 2011 for Rs. 2,750 crore ESPN, Star Sports has paid Rs. 4,950 crore for the ICC World Cup Cricket rights for 2007-2015, and Sony Entertainment has paid Rs. 1200 crore for India for 2000-2007;

(b) if so, whether the Prasar Bharati would be asked to evolve modalities that whenever cricket matches involving Indian cricket team are played, Doordarshan and AIR is able to telecast/broadcast the same; and

(c) whether Government would ensure that sanctity of Article 19(1) (g) that guarantees the right of every citizen to carry on business, is maintained?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Yes, Sir. But no data/information about the exact amounts paid, is maintained by the Government.

(b) and (c) Government of India has notified an Act on 20/3/2007—The Sports Broadcasting Signals (Mandatory sharing with Prasar Bharati) Act, 2007, in terms whereof the rights holder has to simultaneously share the live broadcasting signal, without its advertisements, with the Prasar Bharati to enable them to retransmit the same.

FDI in FM Radio

4524. SHRI PR. RAJAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase FDI in FM Radio; and

(b) whether Government would allow news and current affairs programmes in FM Radio?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per the policy, the private FM broadcasters are free to air broacasts of audio on main carrier and data on sub carriers both excluding news and current affairs. Government does not propose to allow FM Radio stations to broadcast news and current affairs.

South Asia Media Commission

4525. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether South Asia Media Commission, set up on 1st April, 2007, has set itself the objective of evolving a mechanism for effective monitoring of and prompt response to attacks on journalists and media and media organizations across South Asia;

(b) if so, whether the commission would collate information about violation of media rights and flash these cases through print, electronic, radio and Internet networks in eight South Asian Nations; and

(c) if so, what would be the other objectives of this Commission?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The Government has not set-up the South Asia Media Commission, and is therefore not aware of its objectives. It is understood that the establishment of the South Asia Media Commission was facilitated by the South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA), which is a non-governmental body.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.